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Censorship Is Held To Be Necessary

SIR: I believe censorship has a necessary place in our society. Censorship of movies, television, books, and magazines must be carried out. The public is influenced by these entertainment media; and if they use undesirable subjects the public will begin to accept the behavior they represent. Without censorship, the morals of Americans will decline.

I would also like to make a point concerning censorship of government activities. Some censorship in government is necessary. If the public knows everything the government does, we will lose a great deal of our national security and prestige. For instance, what would happen if the exact location of our strategic defense sites were made public? The enemy would have no trouble invading us once they had destroyed these sites. If the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency were made public, their effectiveness would be ruined because they depend on secrecy as a means of carrying out their work. An example of loss of prestige is the Bay of Pigs invasion. Reporters discovered that the CIA was in Miami training Cuban refugees for an invasion of Cuba and the papers published the story, thereby supplying the Cubans and Russians with invaluable propaganda material.

Let's face it. Without censorship, our country will be in even worse shape than it already is.

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